

Applicant: Hiroki KANNO et al.  
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APPARATUS AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD  
Appl. No.: 09/314,172  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to further examination, please consider the following amendments and comments.

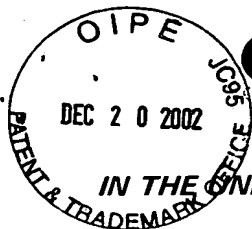
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Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 8 and 10-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for claims 1, 9 and 18, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

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1. (Twice Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
reading means for reading a document and providing image data on the document as first image data;  
image processing means for processing the first image data provided by the reading means;



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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)**  
**REQUEST TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box CPA  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), Continued Prosecution Application (CPA), for a:

☒ Continuation

☐ Divisional

application of the above-identified prior nonprovisional application of:

Hiroki KANNO  
Gaku TAKANO

in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this CPA.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Please enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_ in the prior application.

☒ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Enclosed are:

- ☐ Small Entity statement.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of ??? listed reference(s).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Fee				\$740.00	\$740.00
Total Claims:	9	- 20	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents:	2	- 3	= 0	x \$84.00	= \$0.00
If any Multiple Dependent Claim(s) present:			+	\$280.00	= \$0.00
				SUBTOTAL:	= \$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):					=
				TOTAL FILING FEE:	= \$740.00
Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) for suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b):			+	\$130.00	= \$0.00
				TOTAL FEE	= \$740.00

- ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) (fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) enclosed).
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date December 20, 2002

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